energy conservation, reduction in input cost, improvement in productivity etc.

Sharing of Production Level payment on CBM with Gujarat

2991. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT:
DR. A. K. PATEL:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has represented for sharing production level payment (PLP) under Coal Bed Methane (CBM) on 50:50 basis with Government of India;

(b) whether Government have* considered State Government's proposal positively;

(c) if so, the level at which matter is pending for decision at present; and

(d) by when, the formal approval will be communicated to State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG WAR): (a) to (d) Government of Gujarat has requested for sharing of Production Linked Payment (PLP) and the commercial discovery bonus in the ratio of 50:50 and their request is under the consideration of the Government of India. After the decsion is taken, the same will be communicated, for which no time limit can be fixed.

Exploration of CBM in Gujarat

2992. DR. A.K. PATEL:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKAR DAVE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large reserve of Coal Bed Methane (CBM) have been found in Gujarat and if so, the total area in which